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## **NATIONAL HEALTHY SCHOOLS DAY 2017 THE BIGGEST YET!**

### **15th Annual NHSD Press Release**

This past Tuesday, April 4th was National Healthy Schools Day. Thank you to all those who took part in this years event! We had an excellent turn out and more partnering organizations than ever before. **Remember, there is still time if you want to do a smaller local activity for NHSD. Call (518-462-0632) or email ([info@healthyschools.org](mailto:info@healthyschools.org)) or visit [our website](#).**

### **Connecticut Schools Promote Healthy Air Quality**

**CONNECTICUT** - In recognition of National Healthy Schools Day on Tuesday, April 4, state officials are encouraging Connecticut school districts to take steps to promote healthy environments in Connecticut schools (CTPost).

### **See the National Healthy Schools Day event map**

## **AMERICA'S SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE CAN'T GRADUATE: 4 YEAR GPA OF 1.0 (D)**

### **Huffington Post Blog**

School infrastructure is struggling on a national level. American Society of Civil Engineers recently gave school infrastructure a "D+" grade. Our executive director discusses ways to improve. **Read the blog and please comment or like or tweet it.**

**Claire Barnett, the Founder and Executive Director of the Healthy Schools Network, received award at**

ceremony on March 30th, for national environmental leadership and innovation from the School of Public Affairs at American University

Reminder to read and support Coalition 2017 Call to Action on Infrastructure and Children

53% of schools need improvements to reach “good” condition. Bad school infrastructure means unhealthy school environments which means unhealthy kids! With a new administration in Washington, there are new opportunities to educate officials about all these issues and send them the message, “needs improvement”! Add your support to our [Call to Action](#) by clicking [here](#)!

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

**NATIONALLY** - April is designated as National Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to acknowledge the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect. It’s also a time to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families.. (Wahpeton Daily News).

In Classrooms, Movement Enhances Mental Health

**WISCONSIN** - Omro Elementary School administrators share how physical movement at schools can help a developing child’s mental health. (USA Today Network)

Ruling Ends Standoff on PCB Testing at Worcester Schools

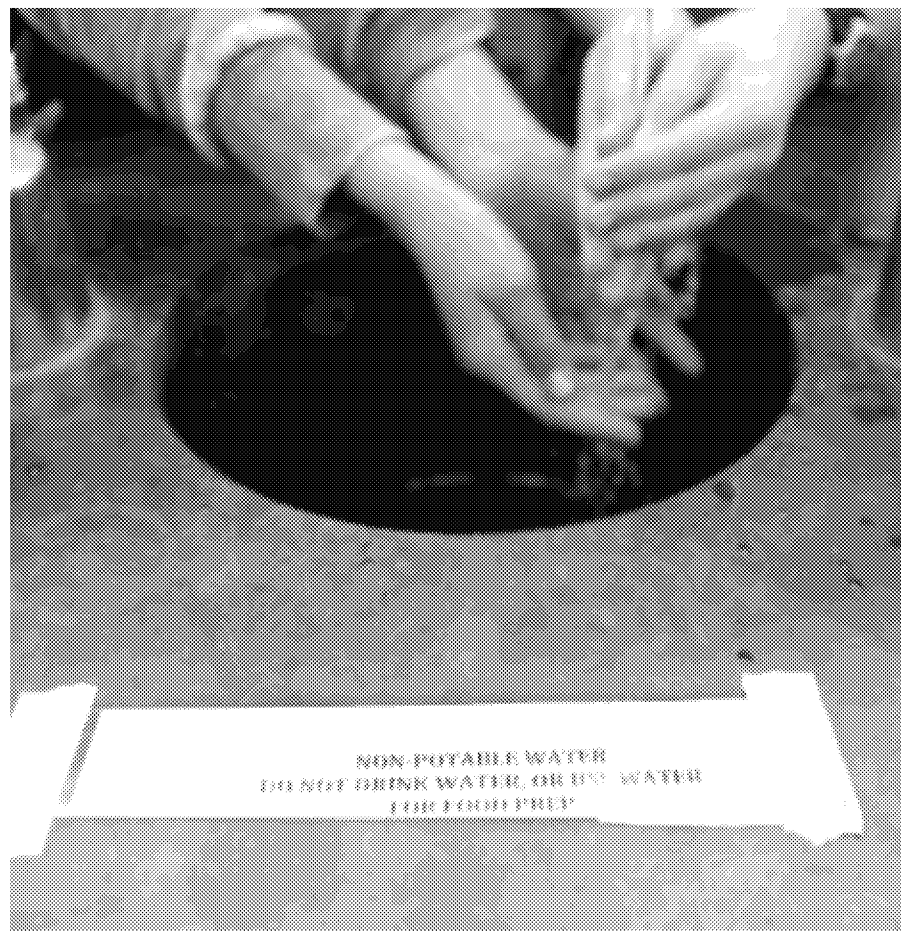
**MASSACHUSETTS** - A state labor relations board has denied the School Committee’s appeal of a decision last summer allowing the Worcester teachers union to test for hazardous chemicals at two city high schools. (Telegram.com)

Monroe School Removes PCB’s but Some Parents are Skeptical

**WASHINGTON** - School administrators recently reopened rooms in Sky Valley Education Center that were closed to test for toxins. The building is safe, they said. Parents and teachers — some at Sky Valley and others who left — are not convinced. (Herald Net)

School Water Tests Showing Faucets, Fountains Can Also Leach Lead

**NEW JERSEY** - A survey by The Press of Atlantic City found that in 13 of the 26 local districts that completed state-mandated water testing, elevated levels of lead were found in at least one source of drinking water — either a water fountain or a sink. (Press of Atlantic City)



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[Towards Healthy Schools: Reducing Risks to Children with Claire Barnett](#)

[Rights of Children with Disabilities in Public Charter Schools: U.S Department of Education Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services Webinar](#)

[How EPA Rules Affect Children, Congressional Briefing , April 5, 2017](#)

[New York State Radio Interview on Lead in School Drinking Water - April 7th, 2017.](#)

[U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Indoor Air Quality Master Class Webinar Series](#)  
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### Upcoming Events

#### [Green Up to Clean Up Our Schools - Conference and Workshops](#)

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Committee, a National Healthy Schools Day partner, is hosting a conference and series of workshops for schools or anyone interested in greening up their facilities with less toxic products and cleaning techniques. Improve indoor air quality and reduce contact with hazardous products to increase the health and safety of your students and staff. Wednesday, April 12, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm ET

[Learn How to Use Data to Inform Asthma Management Efforts in Schools - EPA Tools For Schools Webinar](#)  
- Using Data to Drive Buy-In and Funding to Reduce Asthma Triggers:  
The Value Proposition of School IAQ Management. Thursday May 4, 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm ET.

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